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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT: BAN HOUEI SAI

REF: VIENTIANE 9256

1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER THIS AFTERNOON IN LUANG PRABANG TO DISCUSS BAN HOUEI SAI SITUATION. SOUVANNA WAS ALERT AND WELL-INFORMED. HE SUMMONED INTERIOR MINISTER PHENG PHONGSAVAN, WHOM HE INTENDS TO SEND AS NEGOTIATOR, TO GIVE HIM LATEST INFO. PHENG REPORTED THAT INSURGENTS IN HAOUEI SAI HAD JUST AGREED TO RECEIVE A JOINT PATHET LAO/VIENTIANE SIDE TEAM IN THE MORNING. SOUVANNA ORDERED PHENG TO MAKE SURE THAT INSURGENTS UNDERSTOOD THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL FOREIGN NATIONALS IN HOUEI SAI. HE APPEARED CONVINCED THAT WITH TALKS BEGINNING TOMORROW, THE CRISIS WAS OVER.

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2. SOUVANNA APPEARED PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER REPORTS THAT SUPPORTERS OF PHOUMI NOSAVAN ARE LURKING ON THE THAI SIDE OF THE RIVER AND THAT ONE OF THE INSURGENTS HAD BEEN IN BURMA AND MIGHT BE RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM THAT QUARTER. IN HIS REPORT TO SOUVANNA, PHENG CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE INSURGENTS OR PATHET LAO FORCES IN NEARLY ALL THE VILLAGES UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FROM HOUET SAI.

3. SOUVANNA GAVE SISOUK MOST OF THE BLAME FOR THE DEBACLE CLAIMING THAT HE HAD ORDERED SISOUK MONTHS AGO TO REMOVE THE INCOMPETENT AND CORRUPT FAR COMMANDER. HE ASKED ME TO INFORM SISOUK THAT HE WANTED THAT OFFICER CASHIERED AT ONCE.
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